







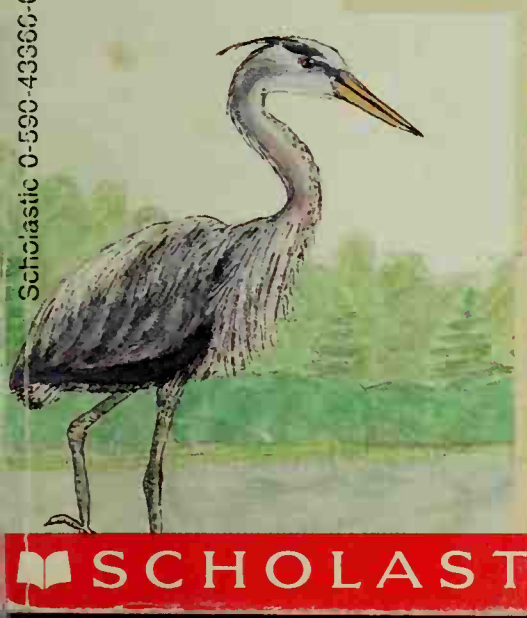


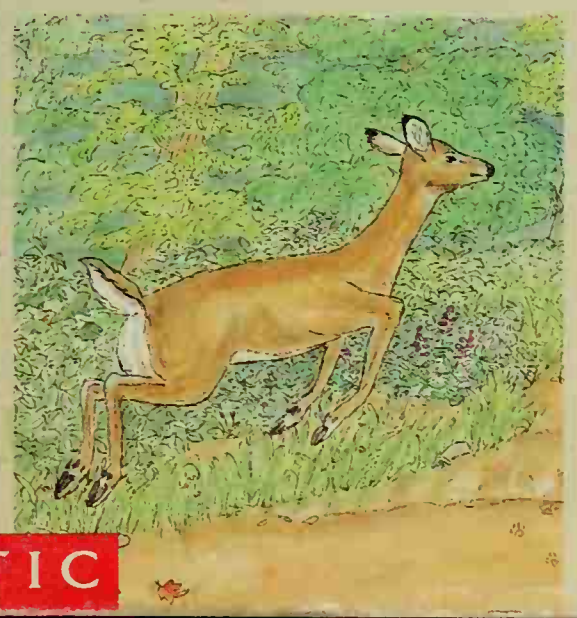
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Cricket

Raccoon

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Muskrat

Mouse

Squirrel

Worm

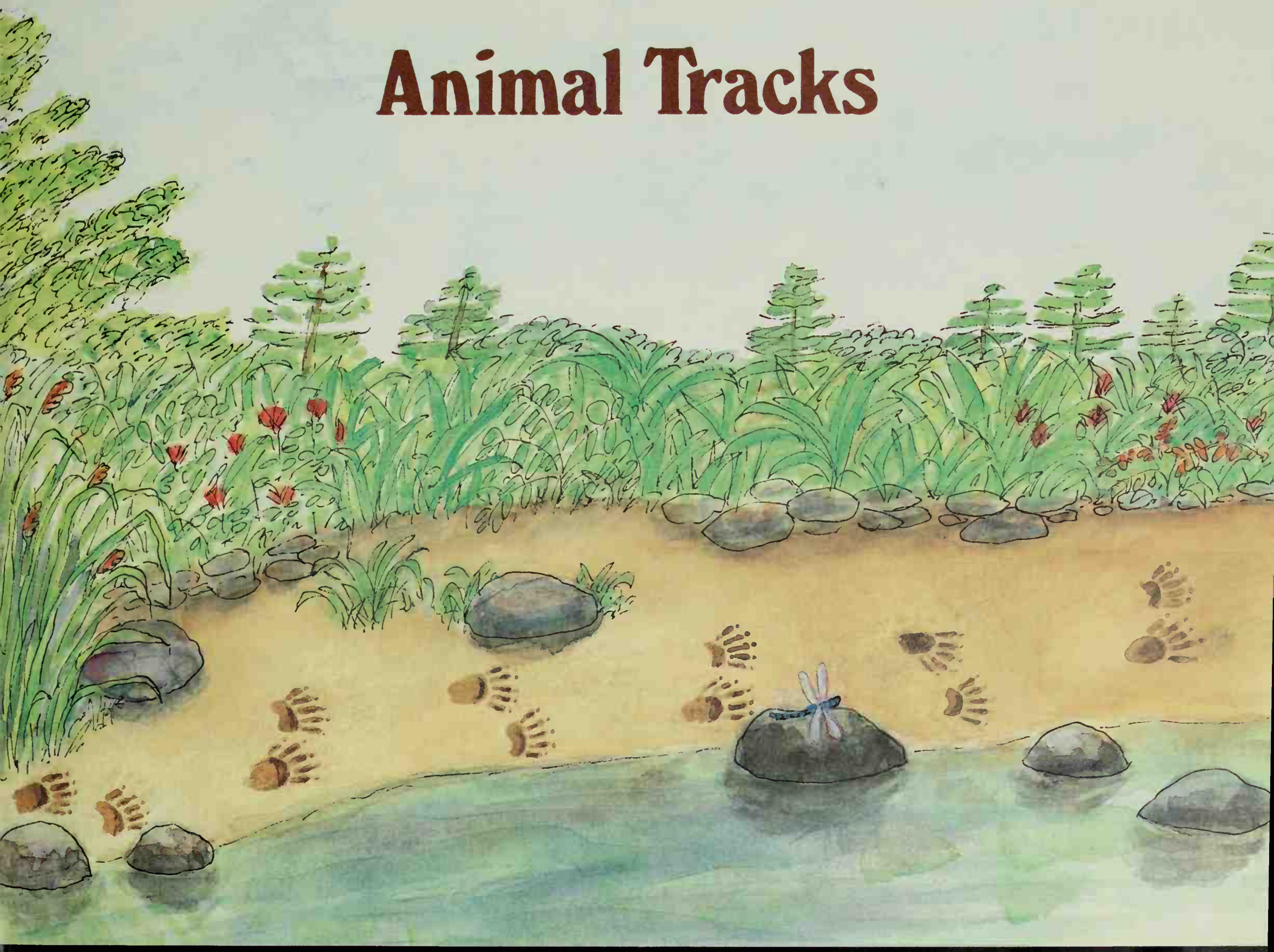
Porcupine

Frog

Opossum

Robin

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To Amanda, Lily, Ethan, and Alex

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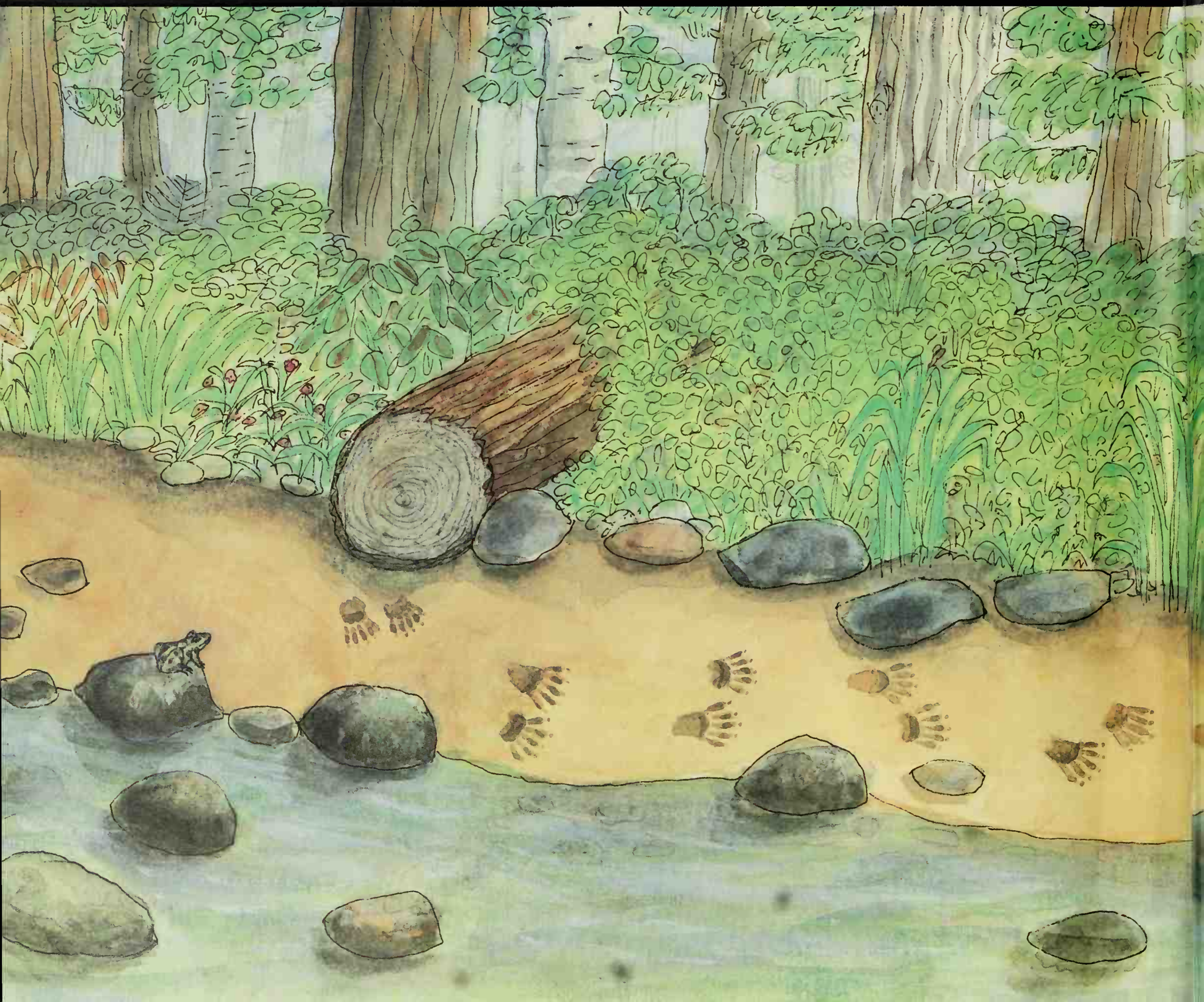
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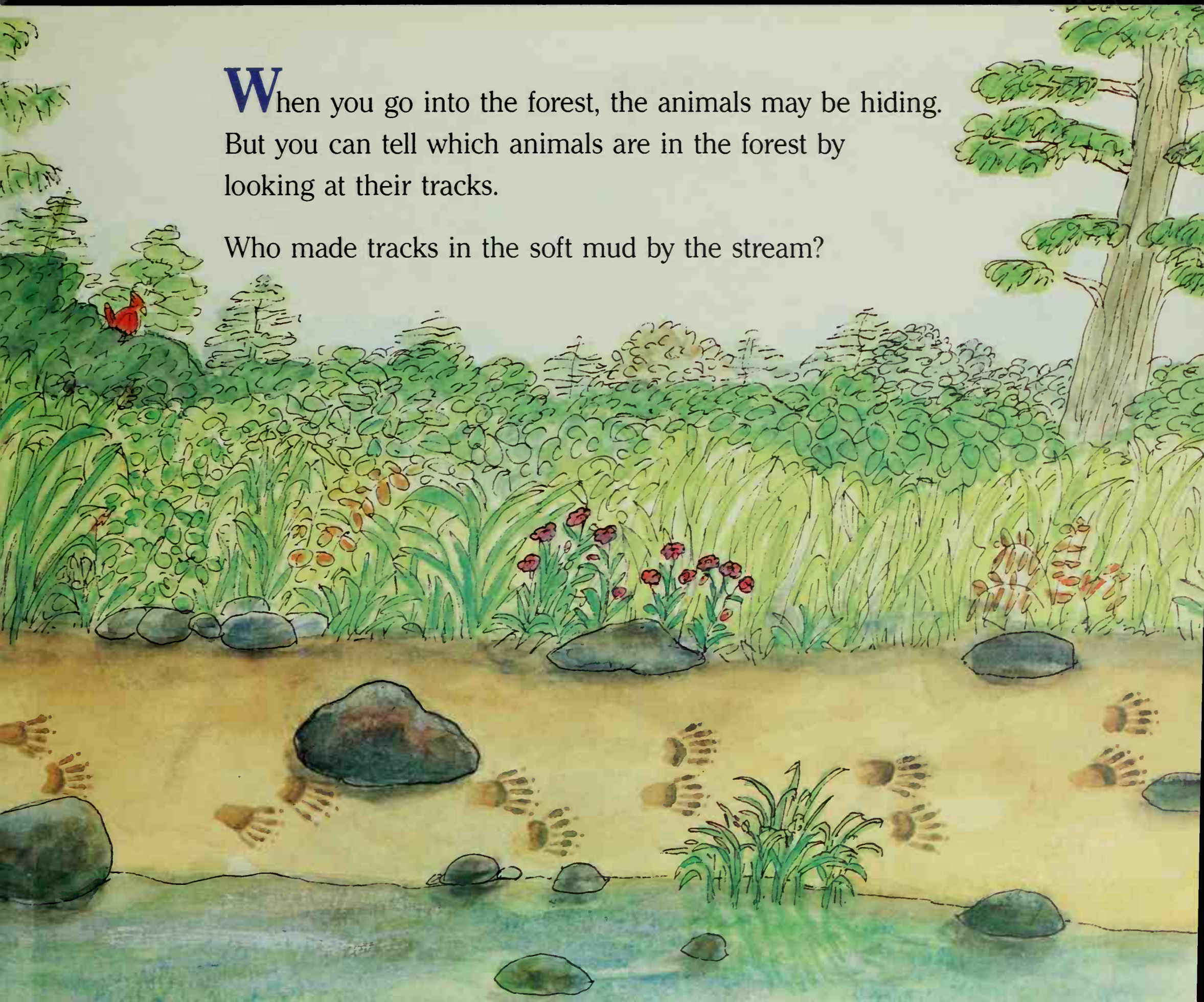
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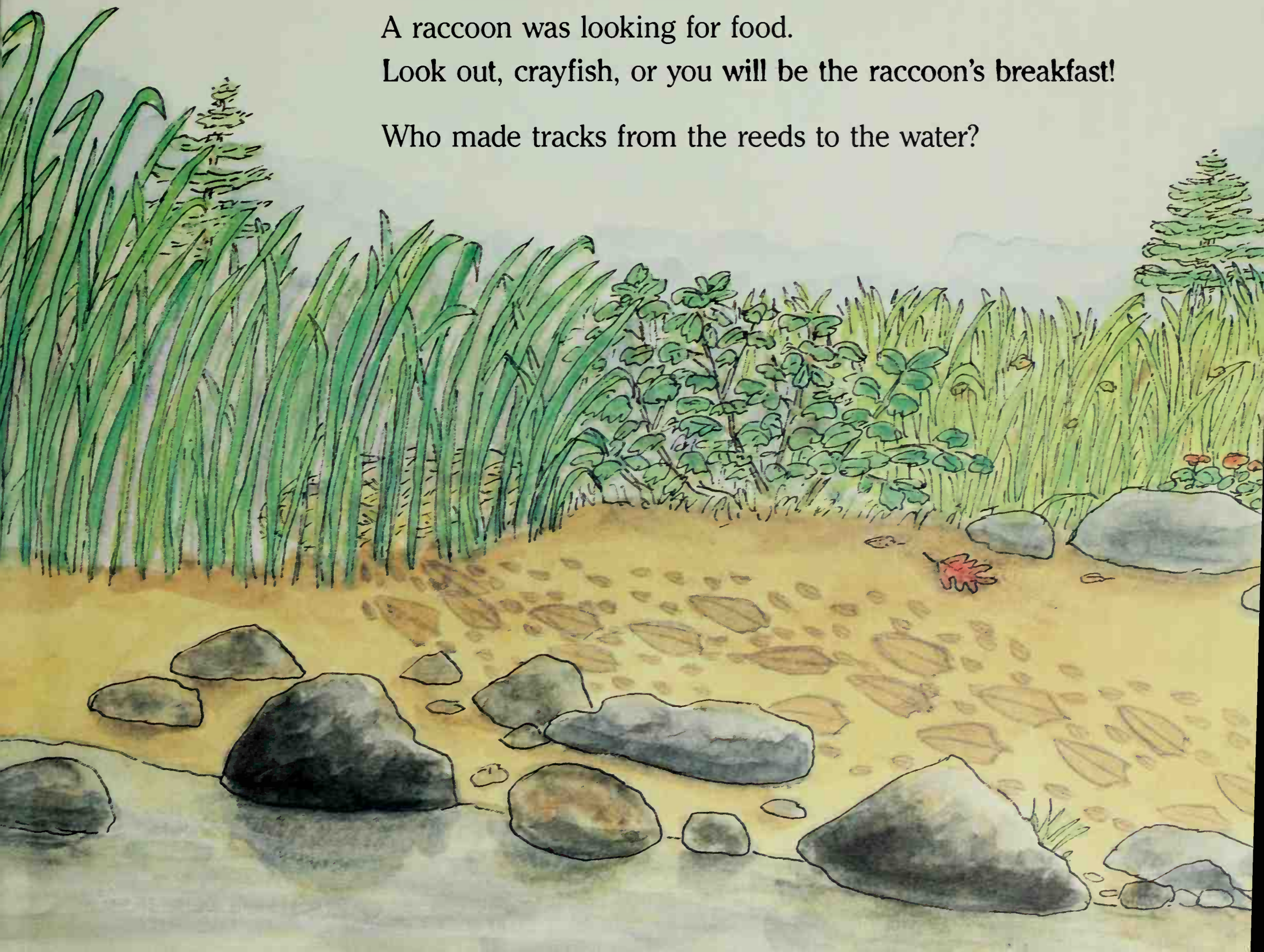
Who made tracks in the soft mud by the stream?





A raccoon was looking for food.
Look out, crayfish, or you will be the raccoon's breakfast!

Who made tracks from the reeds to the water?





A family of ducks waddled from their nest in the reeds.

But who made tracks even smaller than
the ducklings' feet?





A frog made the tracks as it hopped along
with small front feet and bigger hind feet.

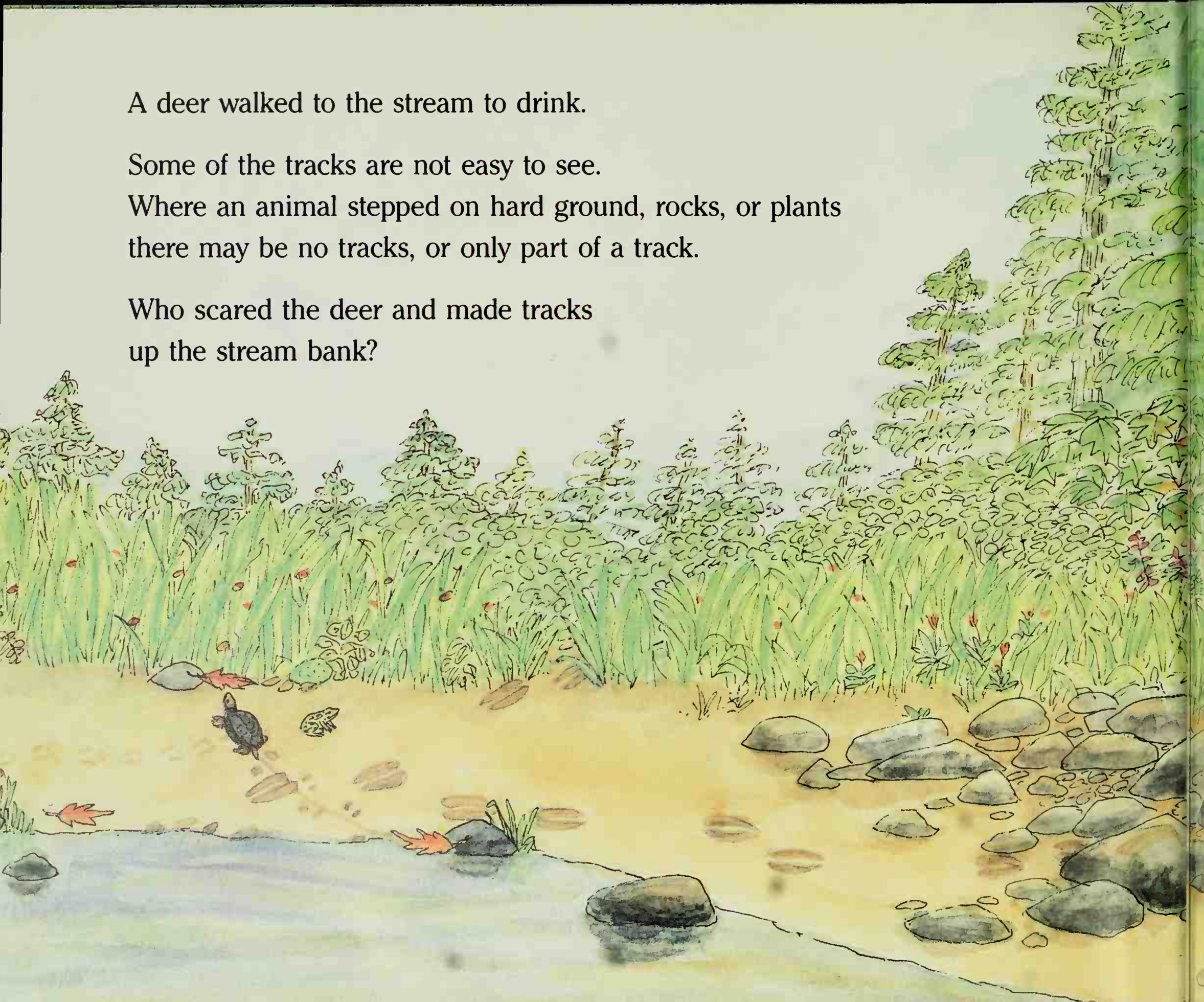
A turtle is warming up in the sun.
Who made tracks almost as big as the turtle?



A deer walked to the stream to drink.

Some of the tracks are not easy to see.
Where an animal stepped on hard ground, rocks, or plants
there may be no tracks, or only part of a track.

Who scared the deer and made tracks
up the stream bank?



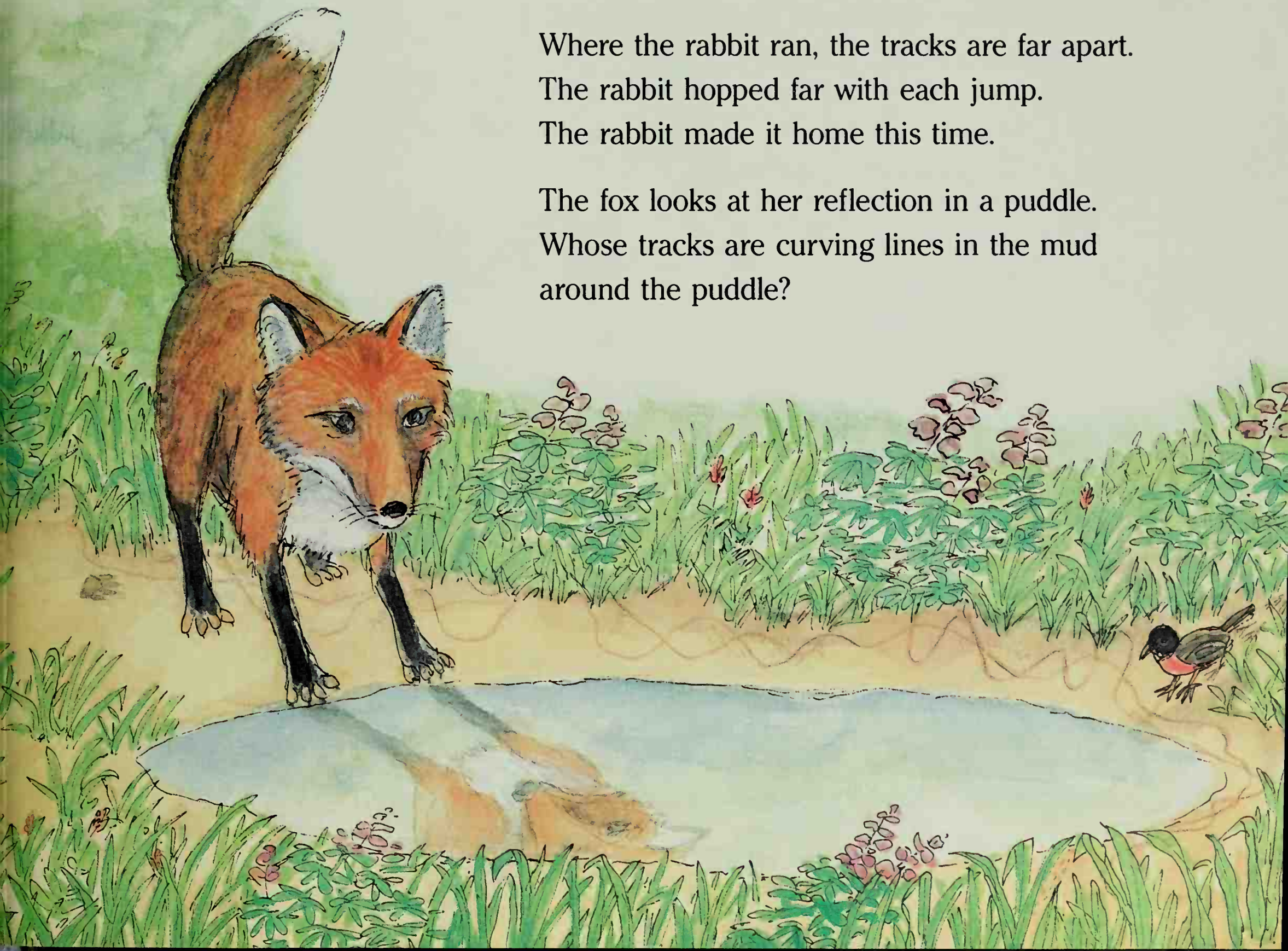




A fox chased a rabbit along the stream bank.

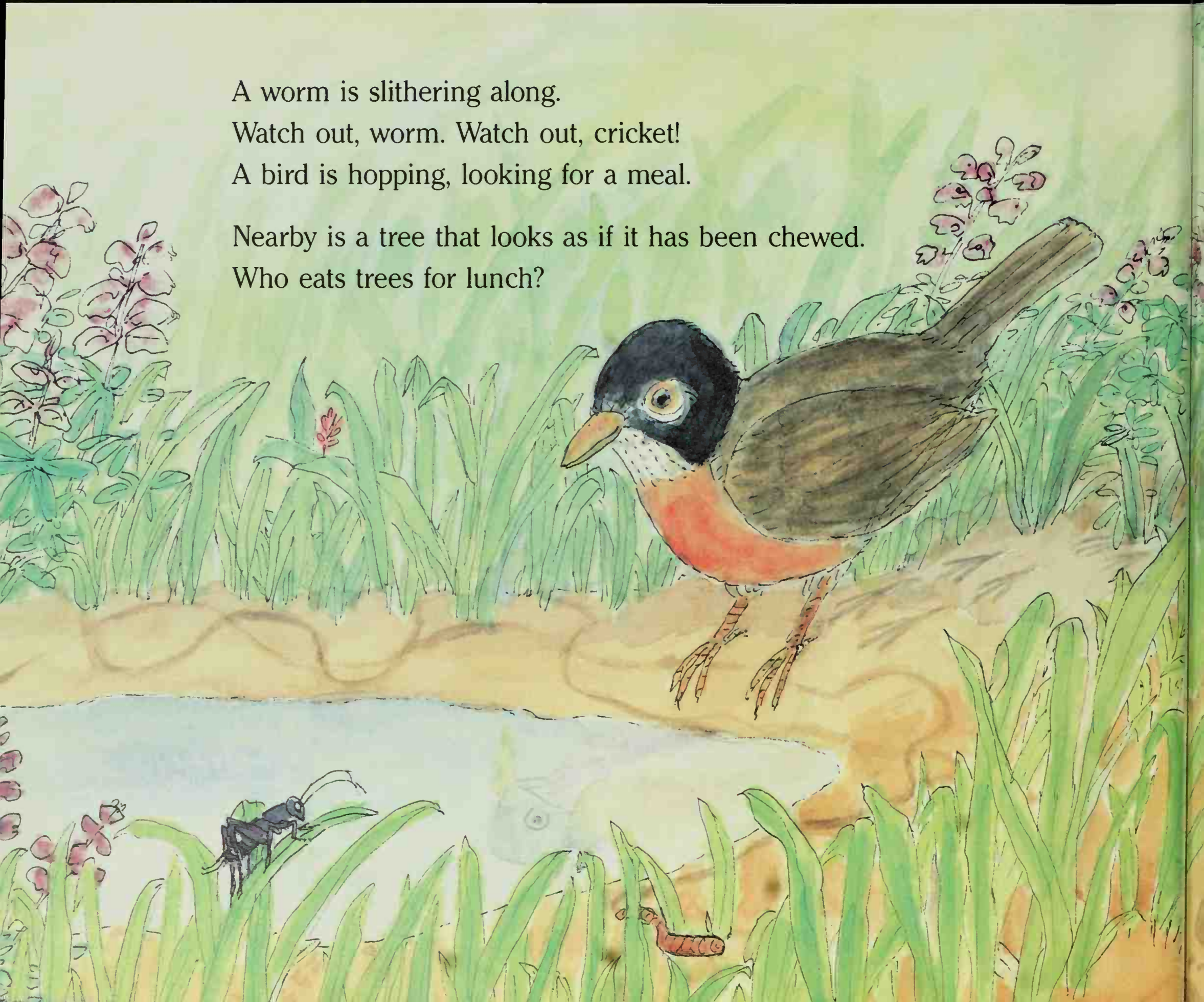
Where the rabbit ran, the tracks are far apart.
The rabbit hopped far with each jump.
The rabbit made it home this time.

The fox looks at her reflection in a puddle.
Whose tracks are curving lines in the mud
around the puddle?



A worm is slithering along.
Watch out, worm. Watch out, cricket!
A bird is hopping, looking for a meal.

Nearby is a tree that looks as if it has been chewed.
Who eats trees for lunch?







A porcupine ate tree bark until she was full.
Then she walked slowly away.
Porcupines don't have to move fast.
Who would bother a porcupine?

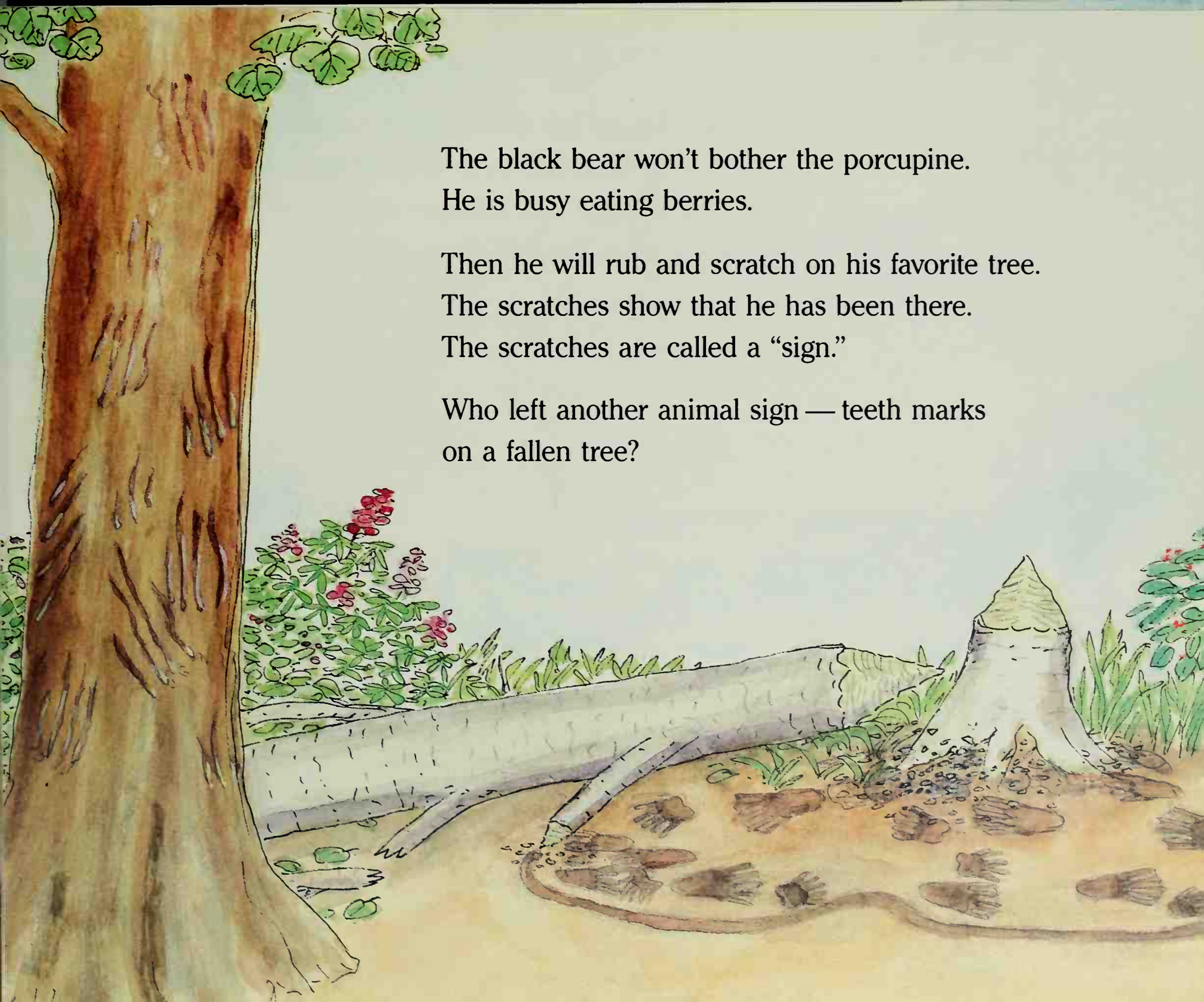




The black bear won't bother the porcupine.
He is busy eating berries.

Then he will rub and scratch on his favorite tree.
The scratches show that he has been there.
The scratches are called a "sign."

Who left another animal sign — teeth marks
on a fallen tree?



A beaver chewed the tree to cut it down.
Beavers drag branches away to build their
round lodge home and a beaver dam.
Behind the dam is a beaver pond.

Who lives among the tall grasses by the beaver pond?

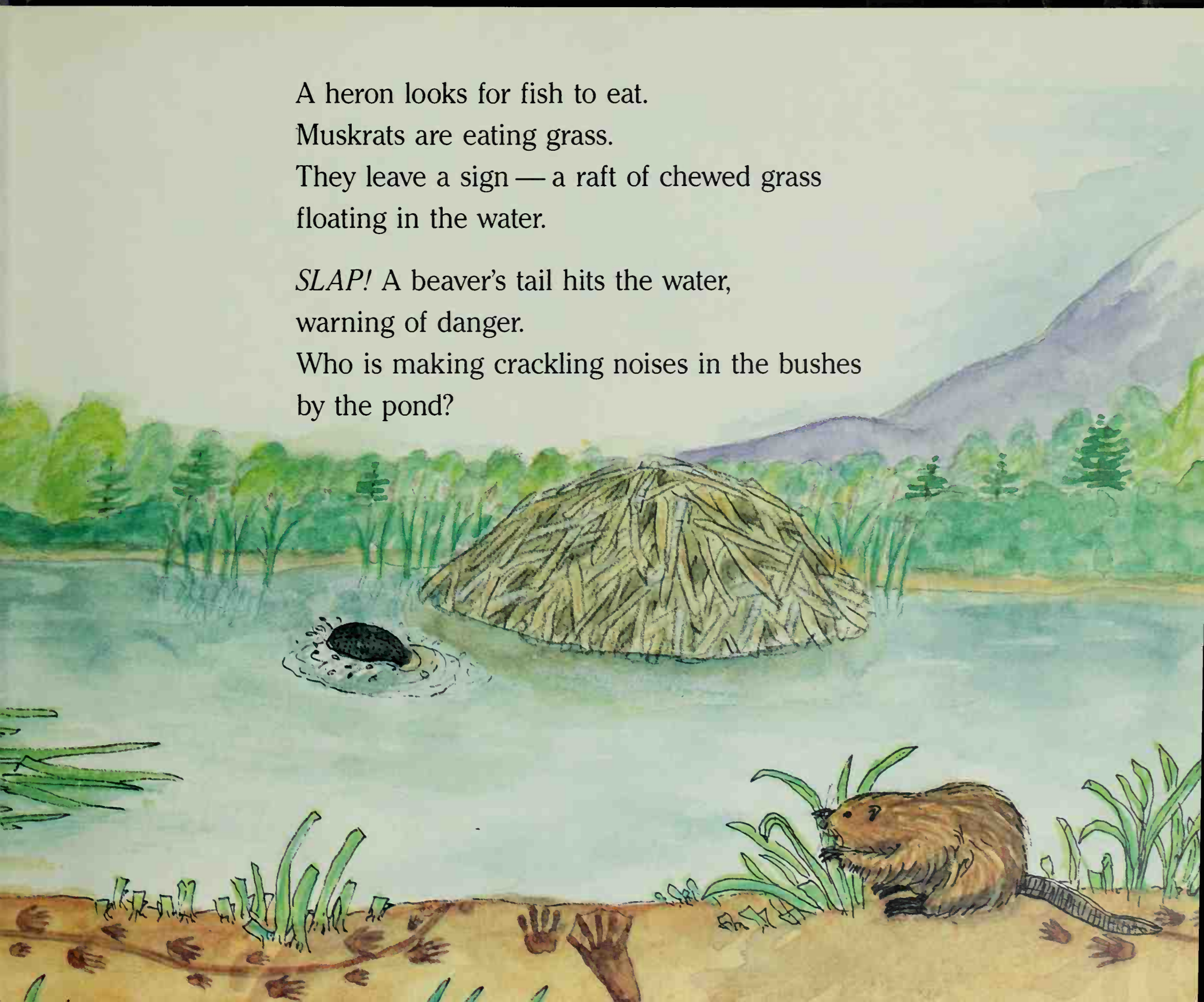




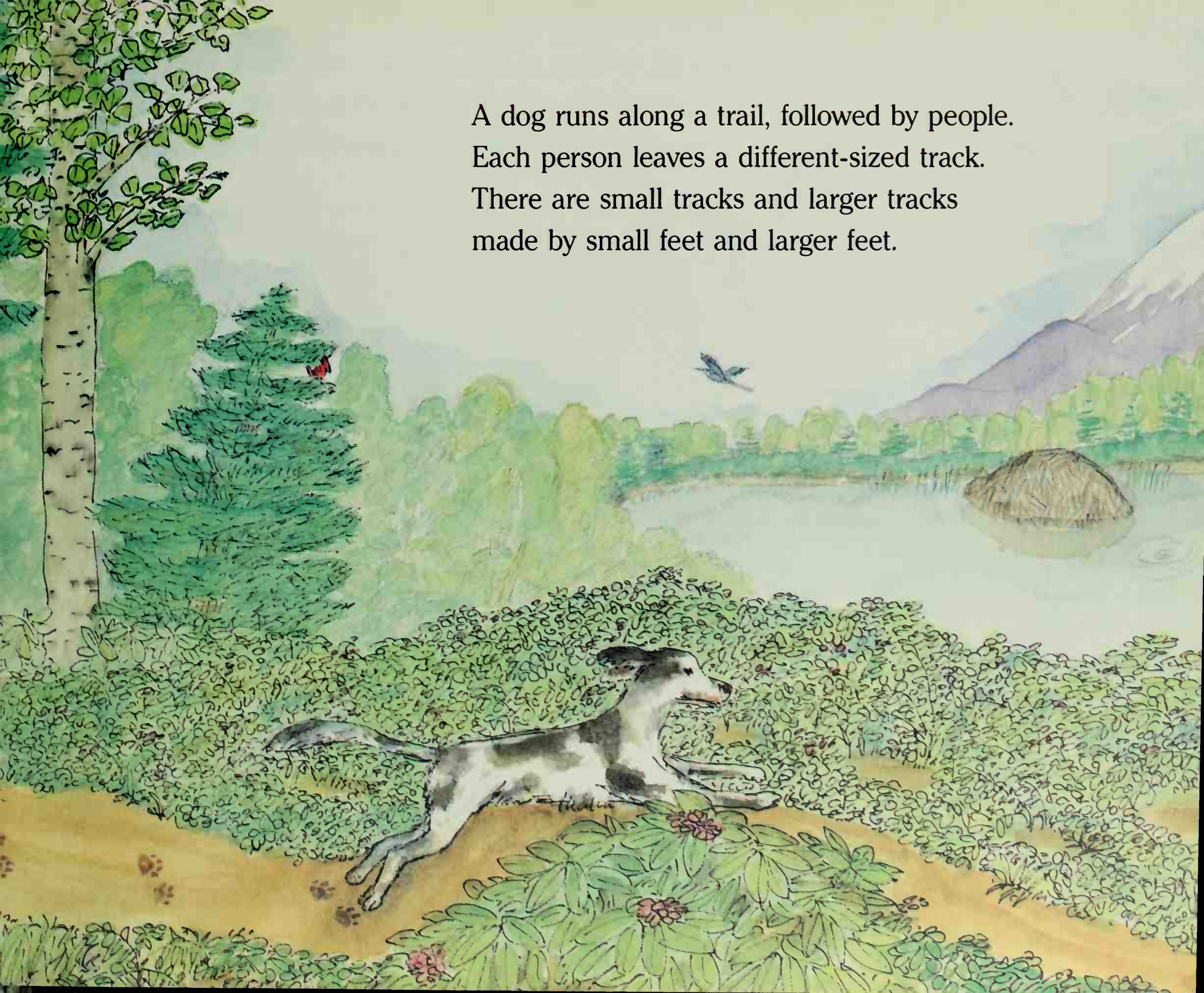


A heron looks for fish to eat.
Muskrats are eating grass.
They leave a sign — a raft of chewed grass
floating in the water.

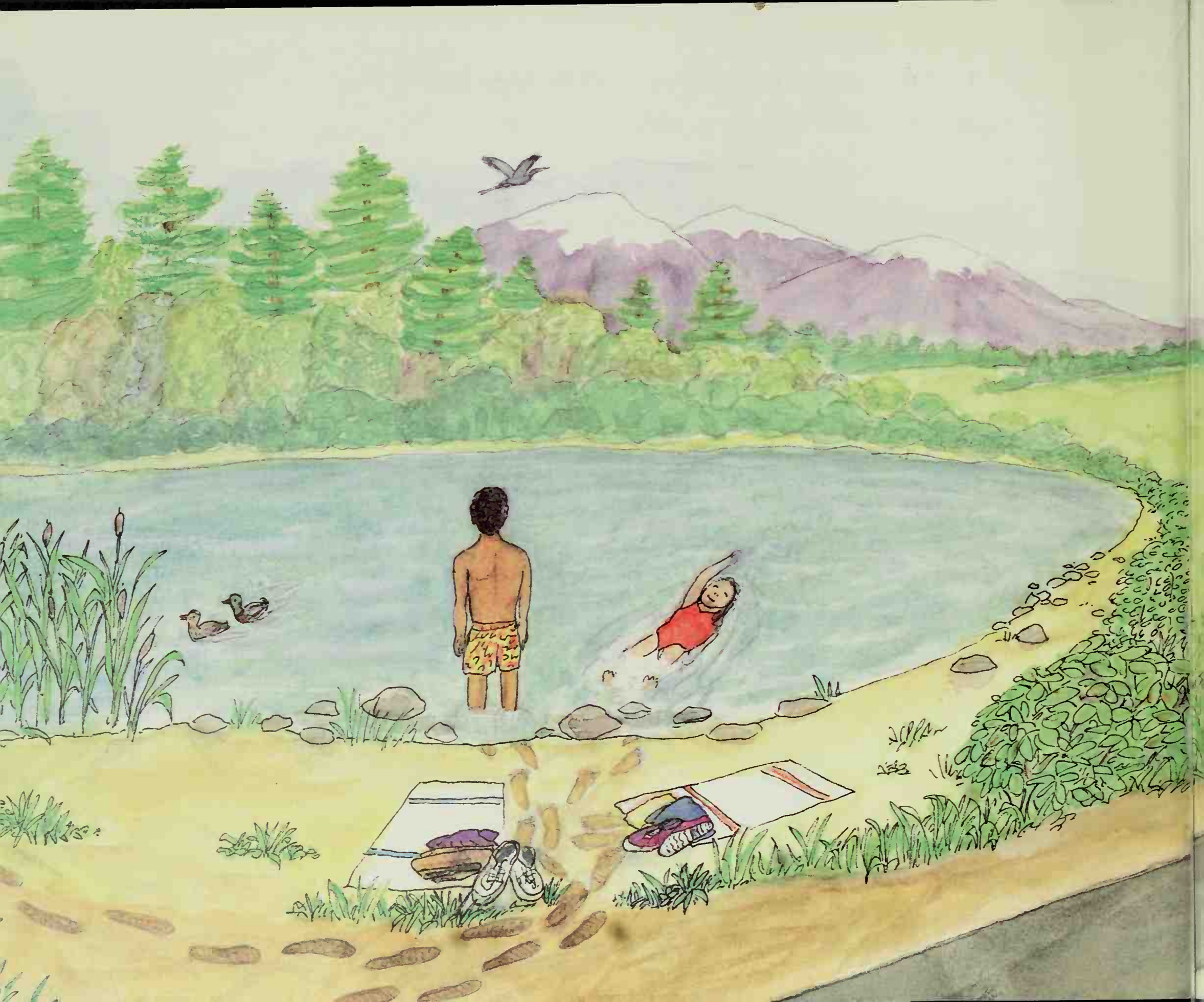
SLAP! A beaver's tail hits the water,
warning of danger.
Who is making crackling noises in the bushes
by the pond?





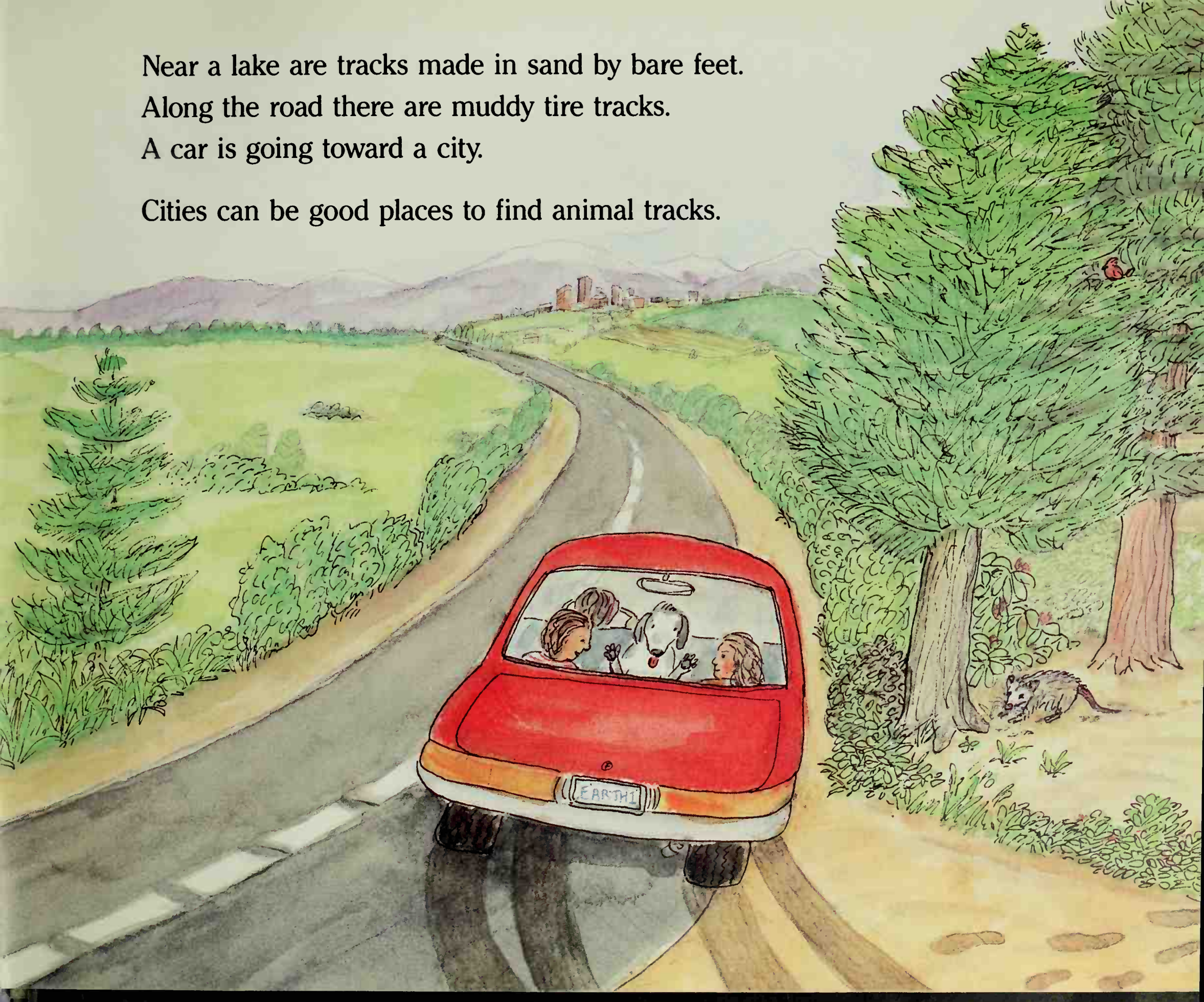


A dog runs along a trail, followed by people.
Each person leaves a different-sized track.
There are small tracks and larger tracks
made by small feet and larger feet.

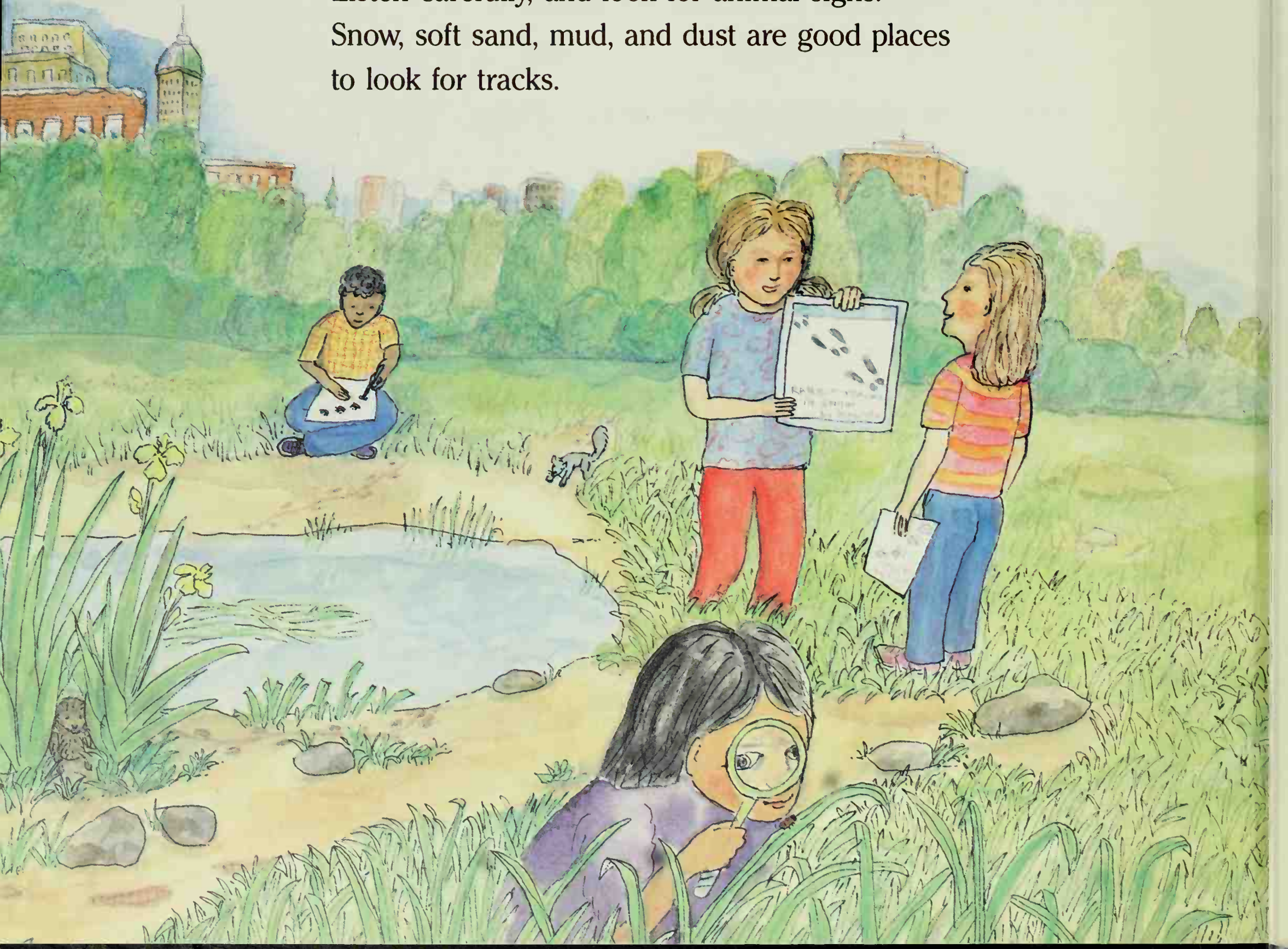


Near a lake are tracks made in sand by bare feet.
Along the road there are muddy tire tracks.
A car is going toward a city.

Cities can be good places to find animal tracks.



Listen carefully, and look for animal signs.
Snow, soft sand, mud, and dust are good places
to look for tracks.





Ellen Crandall

Educated at the University of Wisconsin and Pacific Oaks College, Arthur Dorros enjoys writing and illustrating science books for young children. Among his titles for Scholastic are *Rain Forest Secrets* and *Me and My Shadow,* about which reviewers wrote, "A fine addition to the parent-child activity shelf."

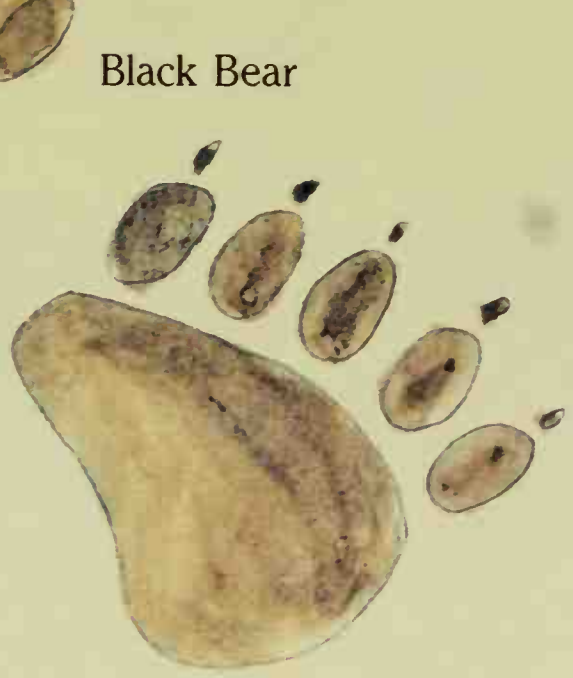
Mr. Dorros makes his tracks in Seattle, Washington, along with his wife, Sandra, and their son, Alex. Pictured above, Arthur Dorros examines raccoon tracks with Alex.

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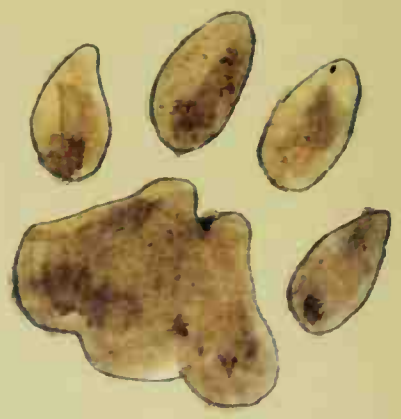


Black Bear





Mountain Lion





Beaver





Deer





House Cat

Great Blue Heron

Dog

Duck

Rabbit

Human Being

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